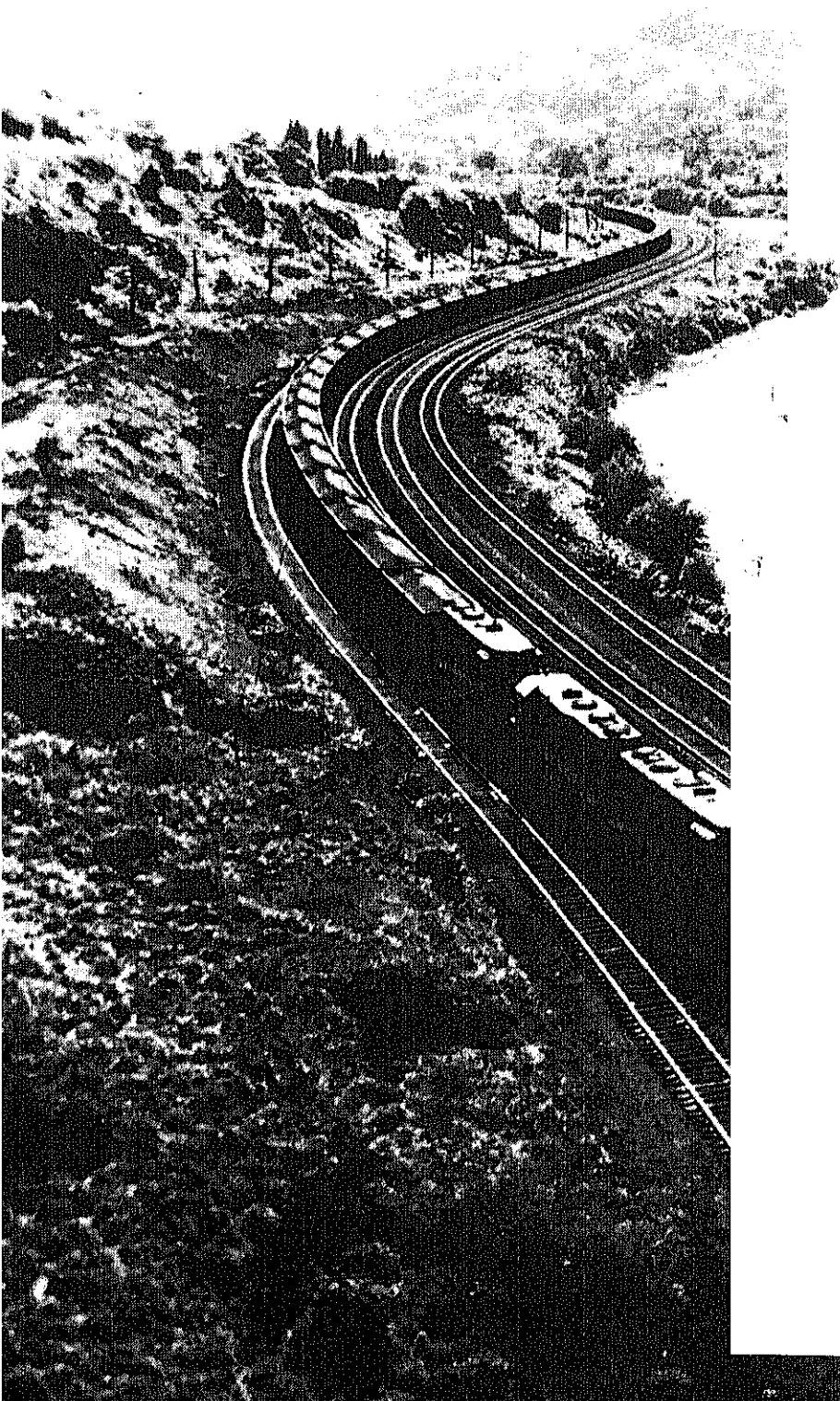


Weekly Coal Production

Production for Week Ended:
April 7, 1990



Preface

The *Weekly Coal Production (WCP)* provides weekly estimates of U.S. coal production by State. Supplementary data are usually published monthly in two supplements: the Coal Exports and Imports Supplement and the Domestic Market Supplement. The Coal Exports and Imports Supplement contains detailed monthly data on U.S. coal and coke exports and imports. The Domestic Market Supplement contains detailed monthly electric utility coal statistics, by Census Division and State, for generation, consumption, stocks, receipts, sulfur content, prices, and the origins and destination of coal shipments. This supplement also contains summary-level, monthly data for all coal-consuming sectors on a quarterly basis.

Preliminary coal production data are published quarterly, based on production data collected using Form EIA-6, "Coal Distribution Report." The coal production estimation error for a quarter at the national level (i.e., the difference between the sum of the weekly estimates for a quarter and the quarterly EIA-6 preliminary data) ranges from 1 percent to 4 percent.

Final coal production data are published annually, based on the EIA-7A coal production survey. The revision error for a quarter at the national level (i.e., the difference between the EIA-6 preliminary data and the EIA-7A final data) ranges from 0.02 percent to 0.08 percent.

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Summary

U.S. coal production in the week ended April 7, 1990, as estimated by the Energy Information Administration, totaled 19 million short tons, a 7 percent decrease from production in the previous week but slightly higher than the comparable week in 1989. Production East of the Mississippi River totaled 11 million short tons and production West of the Mississippi River totaled 8 million short tons.

Coal production in March 1990 amounted to 91 million short tons. This brought the total coal output in the first quarter of 1990 to an estimated 263 million short tons, the highest level of any quarter. In general, the increase was attributable mostly to the replenishment of stockpiles, mainly at electric utilities.

By region, first-quarter coal production in the East was 6 million short tons higher than in 1989. Production in the West was up by 11 million short tons.

Production from Wyoming, the leading coal-producing State, reached 45 million short tons in the first quarter of 1990, which was 4 million short tons more than in the comparable period of 1989. In Kentucky, the coal output was 44 million short tons, more than 3 million short tons higher than in the first quarter of 1989. By contrast, West Virginia's first-quarter coal production of 39 million short tons represented 3 million short tons less than production a year ago. Together, these three States accounted for nearly half of the total U.S. coal output in the first quarter of 1990.

This week's report contains revised State production estimates for the week ended March 31, 1990.



Figure 1. Coal Production

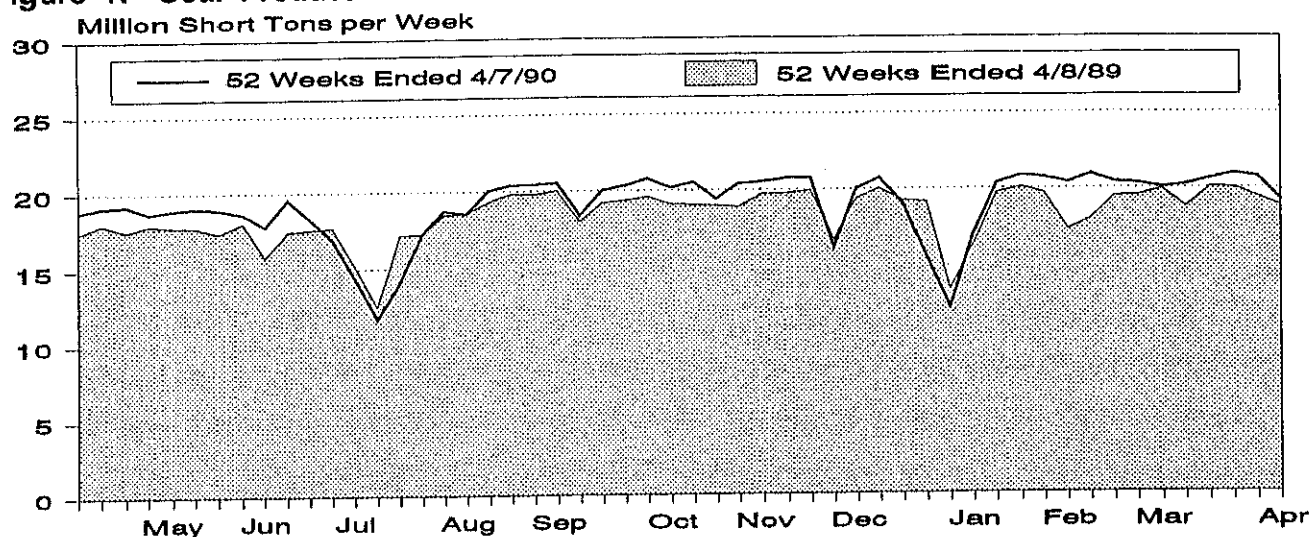


Table 1. Coal Production

	Week Ended			52 Weeks Ended		Percent Change
Production and Carloadings	04/07/90	03/31/90 ¹	04/08/89	04/07/90	04/08/89	
Production (Thousand Short Tons)						
Bituminous ^a and Lignite	19,163	20,619	18,797	986,495	954,934	3.3
Pennsylvania Anthracite	60	83	65	3,535	3,671	-3.7
U.S. Total	19,223	20,702	18,862	990,031	958,606	3.3
Railroad Cars Loaded	125,986	133,120	125,486	6,459,973	6,332,744	

¹Revised.

²Includes subbituminous coal.

Notes: All data are preliminary. Totals may not equal sum of components due to independent rounding.

Sources: Association of American Railroads, Transportation Division, Weekly Statement CS-54A; Energy Information Administration, Form EIA-6, "Coal Distribution Report"; Form EIA-7A, "Coal Production Report"; and State mining agency coal production reports.

Table 2. Coal Production by State
(Thousand Short Tons)

Region and State	Week Ended		
	4/7/90	3/31/90 ¹	4/8/89
Bituminous Coal² and Lignite			
East of the Mississippi	11,281	12,533	11,378
Alabama	501	603	589
Illinois	1,024	1,132	1,244
Indiana	935	906	561
Kentucky	3,146	3,331	3,065
Kentucky, Eastern	2,382	2,535	2,260
Kentucky, Western	764	796	805
Maryland	56	57	65
Ohio	616	719	571
Pennsylvania Bituminous	1,181	1,490	1,460
Tennessee	119	144	123
Virginia	944	1,133	991
West Virginia	2,759	3,018	2,708
West of the Mississippi	7,882	8,086	7,419
Alaska	27	34	24
Arizona	251	258	228
Arkansas	2	2	2
Colorado	387	308	303
Iowa	7	8	8
Kansas	20	23	19
Louisiana	68	46	68
Missouri	72	69	57
Montana	773	817	722
New Mexico	550	628	420
North Dakota	610	644	553
Oklahoma	36	40	44
Texas	1,009	1,091	1,045
Utah	435	373	379
Washington	91	95	107
Wyoming	3,544	3,651	3,442
Bituminous ² and Lignite Total	19,163	20,619	18,797
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Table 3. Coal Production by State: March 1990
(Thousand Short Tons)

Region and State	March 1990	February 1990	March 1989	Year to Date		Percent Change
				1990	1989	
Bituminous Coal ¹ and Lignite						
East of the Mississippi	55,500	49,842	55,640	159,566	153,872	3.7
Alabama	2,514	2,292	2,500	7,330	6,872	6.7
Illinois	5,072	4,836	5,784	15,323	15,780	-2.9
Indiana	4,067	3,549	2,908	11,120	7,745	43.6
Kentucky	14,992	13,574	14,346	43,648	40,256	8.4
Kentucky, Eastern	11,344	10,334	10,806	32,999	30,321	8.8
Kentucky, Western	3,648	3,240	3,540	10,649	9,934	7.2
Maryland	260	239	314	772	883	-12.6
Ohio	3,107	2,771	3,246	8,914	8,938	-.3
Pennsylvania Bituminous	6,426	5,504	6,613	17,489	17,813	-1.8
Tennessee	623	551	528	1,768	1,469	20.4
Virginia	4,916	4,357	4,420	14,009	12,310	13.8
West Virginia	13,523	12,170	14,981	39,193	41,806	-6.2
West of the Mississippi	35,559	31,668	33,341	102,886	92,117	11.7
Alaska	150	134	136	434	376	15.4
Arizona	1,139	1,020	1,033	3,279	2,855	14.8
Arkansas	7	6	8	20	22	-12.7
Colorado	1,760	1,698	1,500	5,288	4,061	30.2
Iowa	36	32	47	104	136	-23.5
Kansas	100	90	30	285	114	151.1
Louisiana	249	159	239	657	689	-4.7
Missouri	302	271	337	873	938	-6.9
Montana	3,418	3,049	3,268	9,936	9,050	9.8
New Mexico	2,637	2,300	2,072	7,215	5,592	29.0
North Dakota	2,697	2,406	2,911	7,894	8,032	-1.7
Oklahoma	172	158	150	519	413	25.8
Texas	4,812	4,310	4,552	13,932	12,578	10.8
Utah	2,045	1,982	1,894	6,214	5,123	21.3
Washington	419	376	452	1,211	1,250	-3.1
Wyoming	15,614	13,677	14,713	45,023	40,887	10.1
Bituminous ¹ and Lignite Total	91,059	81,510	88,981	262,452	245,989	6.7
Pennsylvania Anthracite	334	286	337	927	900	2.9
U.S. Total	91,393	81,796	89,318	263,379	246,890	6.7

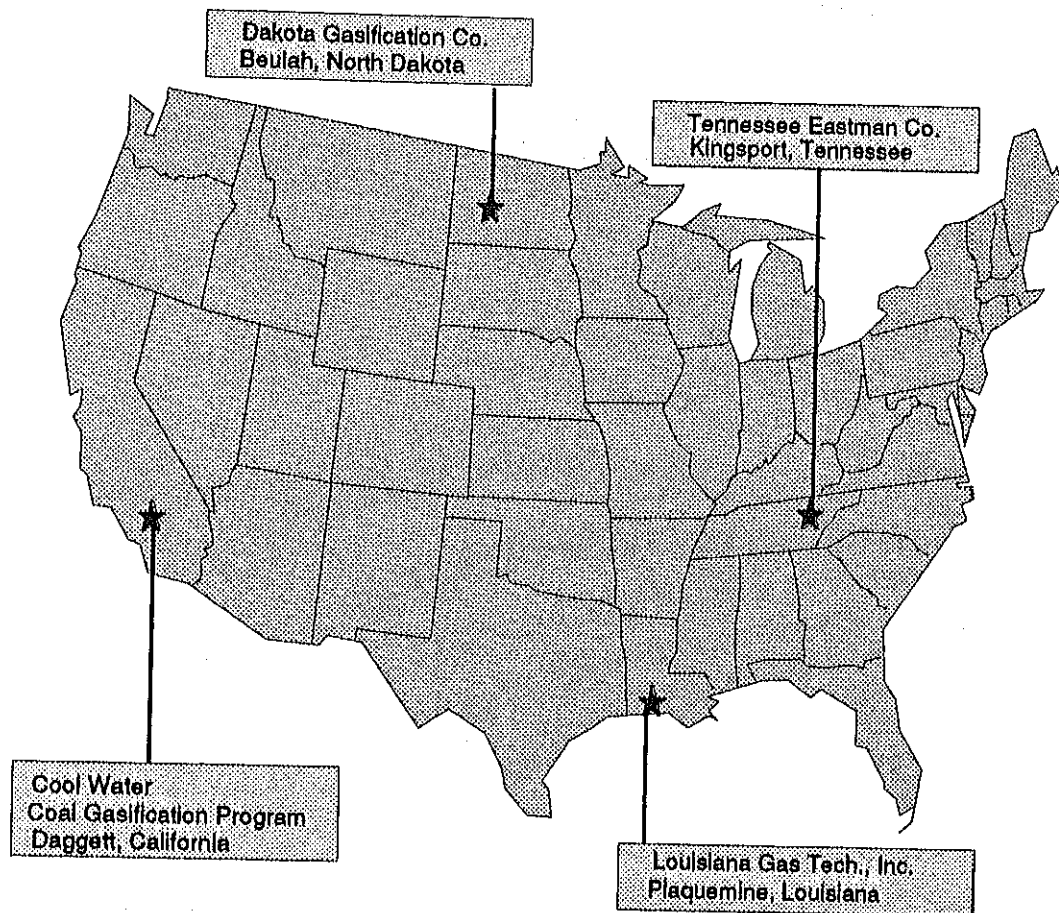
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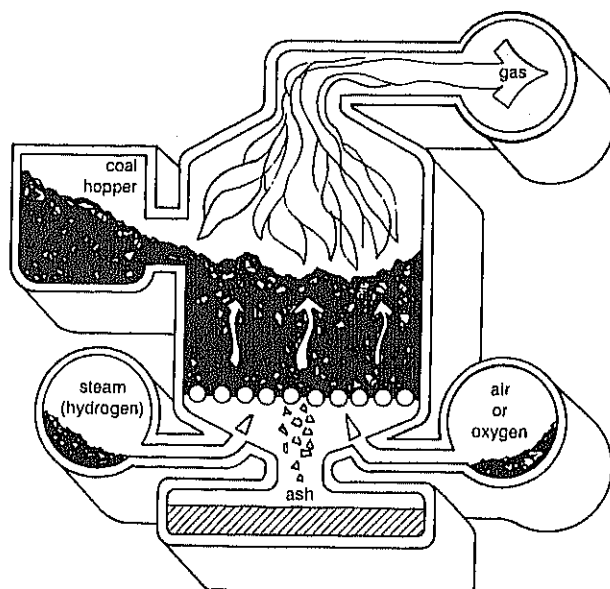
U.S. Coal Gasification Plants, 1990



There are three operating coal gasification plants in the United States plus the Cool Water plant, scheduled to resume operation in 1991. In 1988, these four plants consumed 6.7 million short tons of coal. The largest of the four is the Dakota Gasification Company's plant (formerly, the Great Plains project). Their products are as follows:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>END PRODUCT</u>
Dakota Gasification Co.	Natural Gas
Louisiana Gas Tech., Inc.	Electricity/Steam
Cool Water Coal Gasification Program	Electricity
Tennessee Eastman Co.	Chemicals

Coal Gasification Process

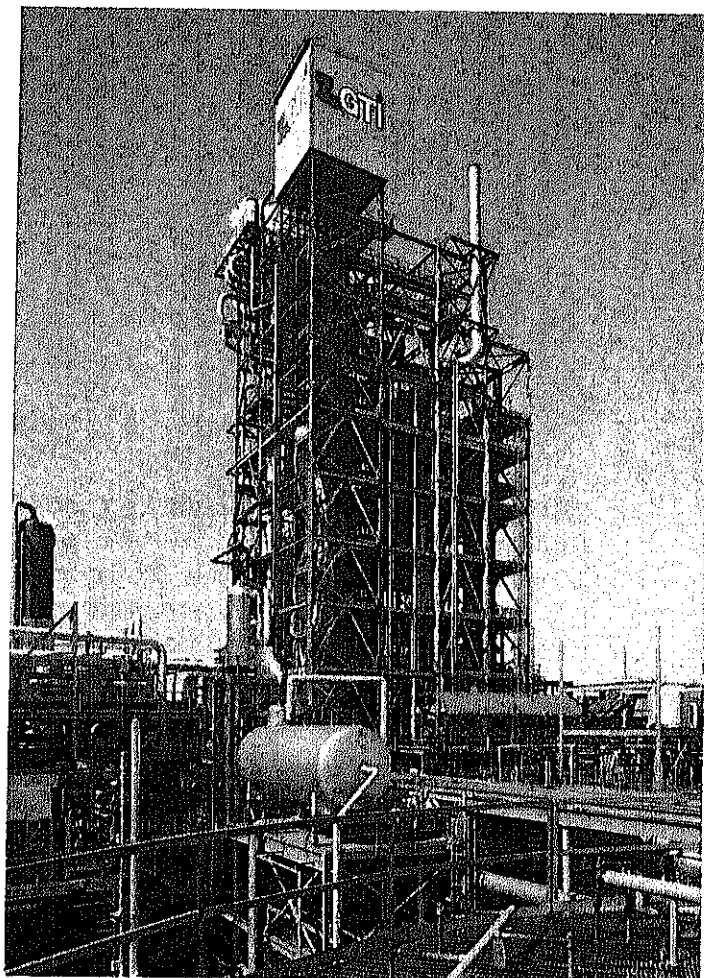


The basic principles of coal gasification involve heating the coal under pressure and in the presence of steam and air or oxygen. The chemical bonds of coal break apart under these conditions, and a synthetic gas is formed.

Source: U.S. Department of Energy, *A Fossil Energy Fact Sheet, Gas From Coal*, DOE/FE-0007 (Oakridge, TN, June 1980).

The Syngas plant at Plaquemine, Louisiana, is the newest U.S. coal gasification plant. Built by Destec Energy, Incorporated, the plant uses an integrated combined-cycle generation system that produces both gas and steam. The gas is used as fuel in a gas turbine generator. Steam produced from waste heat is used in a steam turbine generator.

The combined electrical generation totals 160 megawatts. The plant, which consumes 2,400 short tons of coal per day, can produce 30 billion Btu of medium-Btu gas per day at full capacity.



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